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SUBJECT: INTERNAL SECURITY: (A) GUERRILLAS AMBUSH 4TH
BRIGADE TRUCK CONVOY& (B) KIDNAPPING AND RESCUE
MEDELLIN

1. ON MAY 14 AN 18 TRUCK COLOMBIAN ARMY CONVOY WAS TRANSPORTING SUPPLIES FROM 4TH BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS IN MEDELLIN. THE APPARENT DESTINATION WAS AN ARMY ENCAMPMENT NEAR SEGOVIA IN NORTHEAST ANTIOQUIA.

2. IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON THE CONVOY WAS AMBUSHED BETWEEN YALI AND VEGACHI ON THE MEDELLIN-SEGOVIA ROAD. GUERRILLAS REPORTEDLY NUMBERING SOME 20 MEN, OPENED FIRE ON THE CONVOY WITH CARBINES AND SUBMACHINE GUNS, KILLING 3 SOLDIERS AND WOUNDING 4. ACCORDING TO REPORTS, THE ACTION LASTED ABOUT 20 MINUTES. THE GUERRILLAS FADED INTO THE JUNGLE, APPARENTLY SUFFERING NO LOSSES.

3. THE ARMY BELIEVES THE GUERRILLAS ARE MEMBERS OF THE ELN. THE ACTION IS AN INDICATION THAT THE ELN RETAINS SOME OPERATIONAL CAPACITY, DESPITE HEAVY LOSSES SUFFERED OVER THE PAST YEAR. GENERAL OREJUELA, COMMANDANT OF THE 4TH BRIGADE HOPES THAT THE INCIDENT WILL SHAKE CITIZENS IN THE AREA OUT OF THEIR COMPLACENCY.

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4. IN AN UNRELATED INCIDENT, ON MAY 16 IN MEDELLIN GUSTAVO

SANIN ALVAREZ WAS KIDNAPPED BY 4 ARMED MEN IN BROAD DAY
LIGHT NEAR THE MUNICIPAL SPORTS COMPLEX. HE WAS RESCUED
THE SAME EVENING AND POLICE MADE SEVERAL ARRESTS. SANIN
IS WIDELY BELIEVED TO BE A WEALTHY CONTRABANDISTA,QUOTE
CONTRABANDISTA UNQUOTE AND THE INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE KIDNAPPING
HAD CRIMINAL MOTIVES WITHOUT POLITICAL OVERTONES.
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